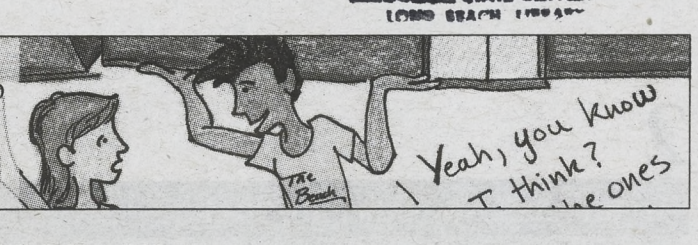


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Contestant Daniel Zimmerman, junior business marketing major, kisses a wall to win the latest Blackberry in an on-campus event.

Student kisses wall for 57 minutes, wins phone

Daniel Zimmerman won a Blackberry smartphone Tuesday.

BY VINEET GUPTA
Staff Writer

The American Marketing Association hosted the BlackBerry Messenger Kissing Challenge on Tuesday to promote BlackBerry phones at Cal State Long Beach.

The event was intended to create the perception that BlackBerry phones are for young adults and not just working professionals. It comes at a time when BlackBerry faces steep challenges from the new iPhone 4S and other phones running on the Android platform.

Despite the provocative title, the Kissing Challenge was not a make-out session. Instead, six competitors puckered up to a cardboard "bubble" and hung on for as long as they could. The competition lasted 57 minutes with junior business marketing major Daniel Zimmerman winning the grand prize: A new BlackBerry phone.

"I'm a pretty patient person in general," Zimmerman said. "I can do nothing for long periods of time."

Zimmerman said he currently uses a Samsung phone with a basic calling plan. He was unsure if the new phone would come with a complimentary service plan, but said he might sell it online if it does not.

Although many students hurried by the booth without a glance, a few took the time to stop and stare. Most said they thought the iPhone was the dominant smart phone on campus and doubted if Research In Motion, BlackBerry's parent company, could change that.

One onlooker, however, said he thought BlackBerry is the better phone. Junior business major Jacob Setzer said he preferred his old BlackBerry Storm, although he now uses a Samsung Galaxy.

Promoters at the event said BlackBerry is used more often in professional settings and has a messenger service, which allows for international texting, and a new app service.

Whether that will be enough to become more popular than the iPhone, however, remains to be seen. The size of the challenge ahead for RIM was underscored when the lead organizer pulled out her brand new iPhone 4S to take a picture of the smiling winner.

Energy conservation wins foosball table for CSULB

Residents of CSULB dorms out-conserved those at CSUF.

BY JULIANNE DE CARO
Staff Writer

Residents of Cal State Long Beach dormitories beat those at Cal State Fullerton during the month-long second annual Energy Saver's Do it in the Dark competition in which students battled to conserve the most water and energy.

"We believe the competition has been a great success," Green Campus team manager Allie Bussjaeger said.

The winning campus was determined by comparing CSULB residents' savings with CSUF's residents' savings.

CSULB took home the grand prize of a trophy and foosball table, which will most likely be placed in the University Student Union for all students to enjoy.

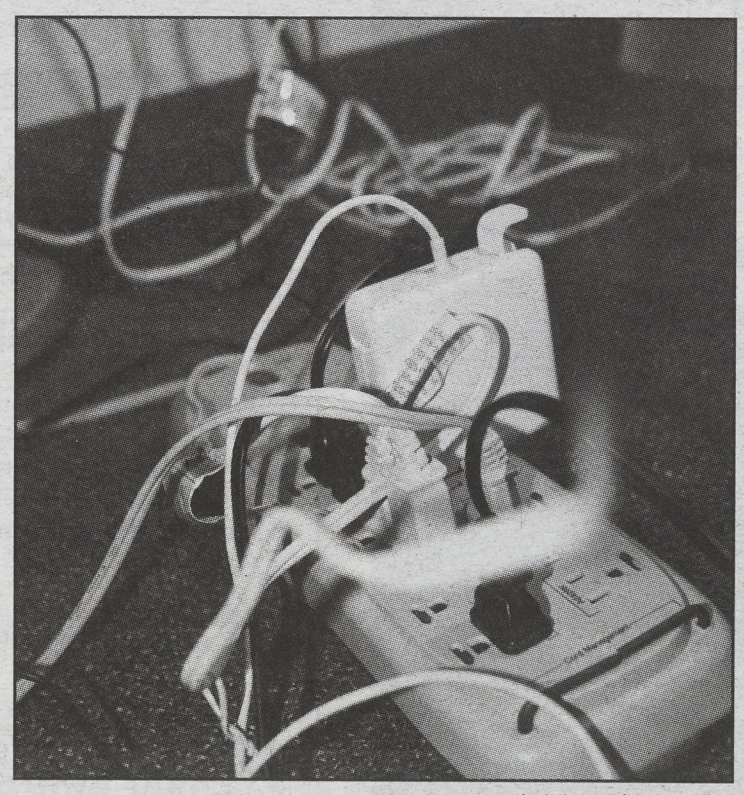
CSULB residents in Parkside Commons, Residence Commons and the Residential Learning Center also competed for weekly prizes, including weekly pizza and ice cream parties.

According to Bussjaeger, the three CSULB dorms saved more energy compared to the competition held last year.

"We have also had more student participation this year, and more resident assistants participated as well," Bussjaeger said.

RLC resident assistant Kylee Rogers encouraged her Pacific Hall residents to participate in the competition. She said residents looked at the

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Some students have a difficult time conserving their energy.

Wheelchair users face trouble at dorms

Housing director says CSULB meets legal guidelines.

BY BIANCA LEMUS
Staff Writer

Some students and faculty who use wheelchairs have decided not to live on campus due to limited wheelchair accessibility at on-campus living sites like Residence Commons and Parkside Commons.

Richard Beaver, a freshman psychology major living at Residence Commons, uses a wheelchair but can still walk. Beaver was born with a congenital birth defect called proximal femoral disease. He is able to walk for five to 10 minutes before getting tired. Still, he said he can see how students who are confined to a wheelchair might have difficulties on campus.

"I can walk, so accessibility for me is different than someone permanently bound," Beaver said. "I work out three to five times a week but I can see how it

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Dorm life may be good choice for students

Some local students choose to dorm at on-campus living sites.

BY JULIANNE DE CARO
Staff Writer

Blake Rangell lives 20 minutes away from Long Beach, but he said the reasons he chose to live in the dorms are the same as everyone else's.

Rangell, a resident at Parkside Commons, is from Downey, which is a 15- to 20-minute drive to Cal State Long Beach.

Rangell said he decided to live on campus for a fresh start.

"I didn't really like the area that I was living in and seeing the same faces over and over again," Rangell said. "I just wanted to be in a new area completely."

He said it feels good to be away from home and likes that he's still close enough that, if he ever needs anything, it's not a hassle to drive back.

Research continues to show that

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California students are leaving the state for higher education

A study claims there is a growing trend of students attending college in different states.

By Kyusung Gong
Staff Writer

Budget cuts to higher education are causing students in California to study in different states, according to a report by Arizona State University News.

On Nov. 1, ASU reported an approximate 42 percent increase of new freshmen from California between 2008 and 2010.

The U.S. Department of Education's Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System conducted an annual fall enrollment survey. In each even-numbered year, colleges and universities are required to report the total number of first-time, full-time students by their states of origin. The report shows the growing trend of an increasing number of students migrating away from home to attend college in other states.

"I came to ASU because my best friend wanted to go here," said Jenna Engstrom, a California native now attending ASU. "At the same time, I didn't get into any schools in California that I wanted to go to."

Engstrom was attending St. Margaret's Episcopal School in San Juan Capistrano when she decided to attend ASU.

According to the data collected in the annual fall-enrollment survey, Cal State Long Beach's freshmen with California residency decreased by 611 students from 2008 to 2010.

According to David Dowell, vice provost and director of strategic planning at CSULB, budget cuts play a role in where students choose to attend college.

"The state budget cuts have forced tuition increases that have made in-state college education less the terrific bargain that in-state used to be," Dowell said via email. "Cuts have also hurt class availability on many campuses."

In March, the Cal State University announced that decreased state funding has cut student enrollment in the 2011-12 year by 10,000 students.

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might be difficult for someone who is in a wheelchair, that is not as fit, to live here."

The Residence buildings have steep hills, few elevators and minimal ramps.

"Honestly, the ramps and those hills for me personally are not strenuous," Beaver said. "When I have to take out a boxed meal from the dinning hall, I might drop it going up the hill, but really I don't know why there aren't more accessible areas still."

According to Carol Roberts-Corb, director of housing and residence life at Cal State Long Beach, the most recent on-campus buildings were constructed about 30 years ago and all of the sites meet the Legal Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines for buildings of the time.

"We try to work close with DSS, making sure we are legally up to code, and if we are ethically doing what we can to meet all students needs," Roberts-Corb said.

David Sanfilippo, director of disabled student services, said housing may not be completely aware of the situation for disabled students and faculty.

"It's a problem," Sanfilippo said. "It would be nice to have a switchback by the grass areas, but here is the problem: For every inch of height, you have to have 12 inches of length. So for that particular gradation, there is probably four feet, meaning 48 feet of ramp."

Before housing can begin construction on the dorms, it considers three aspects: Whether the buildings legally meet requirements, what the ethical needs are and its costs, according to Roberts-Corb.

"We haven't had any students say they need a different level of accessibility ... but I wouldn't recommend for them to live in residence because of the hills," Roberts-Corb said.

Sanfilippo disagreed and said housing should do more.

"It doesn't matter the amount of students that complain, it's the issue," Sanfilippo said.

Parkside Commons also falls short in wheelchair accessibility, not for students, but for faculty.

Every professor who is hired at CSULB is eligible for faculty housing, but because there are limited spots, there is a competitive application process for when there is an opening.

Approximately three years have passed since wheelchair-user assistant professor of journalism Danny Paskin was chosen as a candidate for an exclusive spot in faculty housing in Parkside.

Although he was not selected as the final candidate for the on-campus faculty spot at the time, Paskin recollected there being a lack of wheelchair access to faculty housing in Parkside.

"I did not expect that they would look at me and say, "By the way, the faculty apartments are not accessible because they are on the second floor with no elevators at all,'" Paskin said. "I did understand that, by California law, they weren't required to have accessibility to a second floor apartment because the building predates a lot of the regulations. It was just kind of interesting that a state university doesn't have accommodation for a faculty member that is disabled to live at."

Paskin said he was offered a "Plan B," but it was different than what was offered to non-disabled professors. Eventually, Paskin was not selected to live on campus.

Roberts-Corb confirmed that nothing has changed regarding wheelchair accessibility in faculty living in Parkside since three years ago.

Roberts-Corb said, "We have accessible faculty housing in the Residential Learning College, but currently at Parkside, no."



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Some wheelchair-users find it difficult to get up this hill.

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Police receive multiple calls reporting crime at RLC

By Kirsti Correa
Staff Writer

The police were contacted when a man, who was previously told to leave campus, was spotted outside of Pacific Hall at the Residential Learning Center on Nov. 9 in the evening, according to University Police Capt. Scott Brown. Police had made contact with the man on Nov. 8 because "he had no business being in the area," Brown said. However, when police arrived at the RLC on Nov. 9, the man was already gone.

Resident Assistants from the RLC called the police after they suspected two students were smoking marijuana in the dorms on Nov. 9 at 9:30 a.m., Brown said. The two men have been uncooperative in the past with the RAs. The students were cited when police arrived.

RAs called the police on students in the RLC for alcohol on Nov. 4 at midnight, Brown said. Police arrived at the dorms and found the alcohol in a plastic bag in the room. Both individuals were cited and police also issued a citation to one for furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Neon green rims and tires were stolen from a student's bike parked outside Beach Hall at the RLC on Nov. 7, Brown said. The total value of everything stolen was $150.

Student, custodial property missing

A woman attempted to hide her purse in a room in the Fine Arts 2 building on Nov. 6 while she left for three hours, Brown said. However, when she returned her wallet with $30 inside was missing.

A red Motiv mountain bike was stolen from the bike racks near the B building in the Residence dorms, Brown said. The missing bike is valued at $300.

A custodial electric cart was reported missing at 4 a.m. on Nov. 8, Brown said. It was parked outside the Child Development Center with the keys inside. "Someone must have taken it for a joy ride because it was found undamaged about an hour later at Whaley Park," Brown said.

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students who live in university housing have an advantage over students who do not live on campus.

These advantages include greater psychosocial development, high retention and graduation rates, greater educational aspiration and greater satisfaction with their overall college experience, according to Housing and Residential Life director Carol Roberts-Corb.

"In other words, they grow more personally, make friends, stay in school, are more likely to graduate and are generally happier with their collegiate experience than their classmates who commute to school," Roberts-Corb said.

Rangell agrees and said that living on campus has helped him become a better student.

"I'm more pushed to study," Rangell said. "A lot of my friends in my suites, they all go to the library every day, so I always have someone to go with and a way to get there and I don't have to worry about going out of my way."

Residence Commons resident, Louis Fckutake, who is originally from Long Beach, decided to dorm at CSULB to be more accessible to campus resources.

"It was just more convenient to live here," Fckutake said. "And I felt that I would have more direct access to campus, like the library and stuff, so I just wanted the college experience."

His parents were supportive of his decision because they knew he'd be moving out to go to college regardless, but at least this way he'd be closer to home, he said.

> *"I'm able to get more out of the school, in general. It's easier for me to participate in school events and be a part of the community here."*
> **- Blake Rangell, Student**

"They supported it because they knew that that's what I wanted all along," Fckutake said.

Students also choose to live on campus because of convenience, accessibility to campus resources, friendships, study facilities and access to fun and educational activities, said Roberts-Corb.

"I'm able to get more out of the school, in general," Rangell said. "It's easier for me to participate in school events and be a part of the community here."

RLC resident Lisette Martinez chose to live on campus because there are fewer distractions than back home with her parents.

"My parents will be like, 'Let's go run some errands' and by the time we're done, it's 9 p.m. and I'm trying to do [homework] and it's too late," Martinez said.

Martinez said that living in the dorms gives her mental space and makes college a bigger part of life.

She said that she was able to live in the dorms because of the money she receives from financial aid — a main reason her parents supported the move.

"If I had to ask [my parents] for money, it would have been different," Martinez said. "They probably would have been like, 'No, you have to stay home,' because I only live like 10 to 15 minutes away."

Martinez said she likes that the dorms have allowed her to be on her own. She plans on getting an apartment next year, but wouldn't mind living on campus again.

"I like it enough here that I would stay another year," Martinez said.

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competition as a fun game to see how many ways they could cut back on their energy use.

"One of my residents said, 'We haven't used our lights in five days except our computers,'" Rogers said.

However, the RLC ran into issues when residents turned off safety lights in the halls to save more energy. Housing held a meeting to communicate to residents that these were safety lights and were not to be turned off.

According to CSULB Green Campus, CSULB saved more energy than CSUF during the first three weeks of the competition, however water consumption still needs to be taken into account before a winner can be determined.

RLC resident Lashanae McMillan said she is confident CSULB will come out on top.

"I think that if we can win on the energy, we can win on the water," McMillan said. "If we can beat out Fullerton, we can beat any school at any other thing."

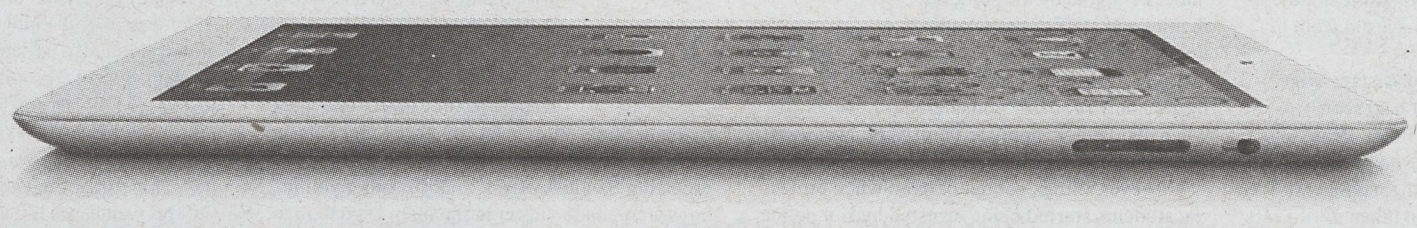
McMillan also said the competition was a great way to be greener and pass on the lifestyle to future generations.

According to residents, the competition could have long-term affects on Housing and Residential life because utility costs such as electricity, are taken into account when determining the residential rates.

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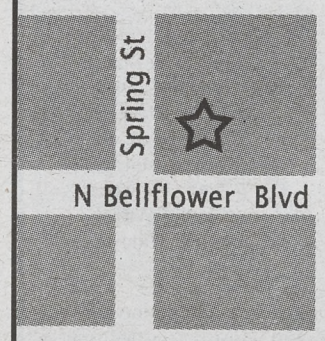
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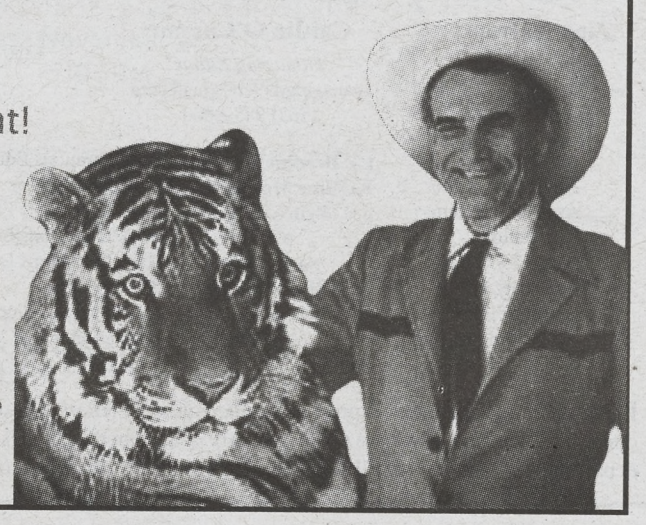
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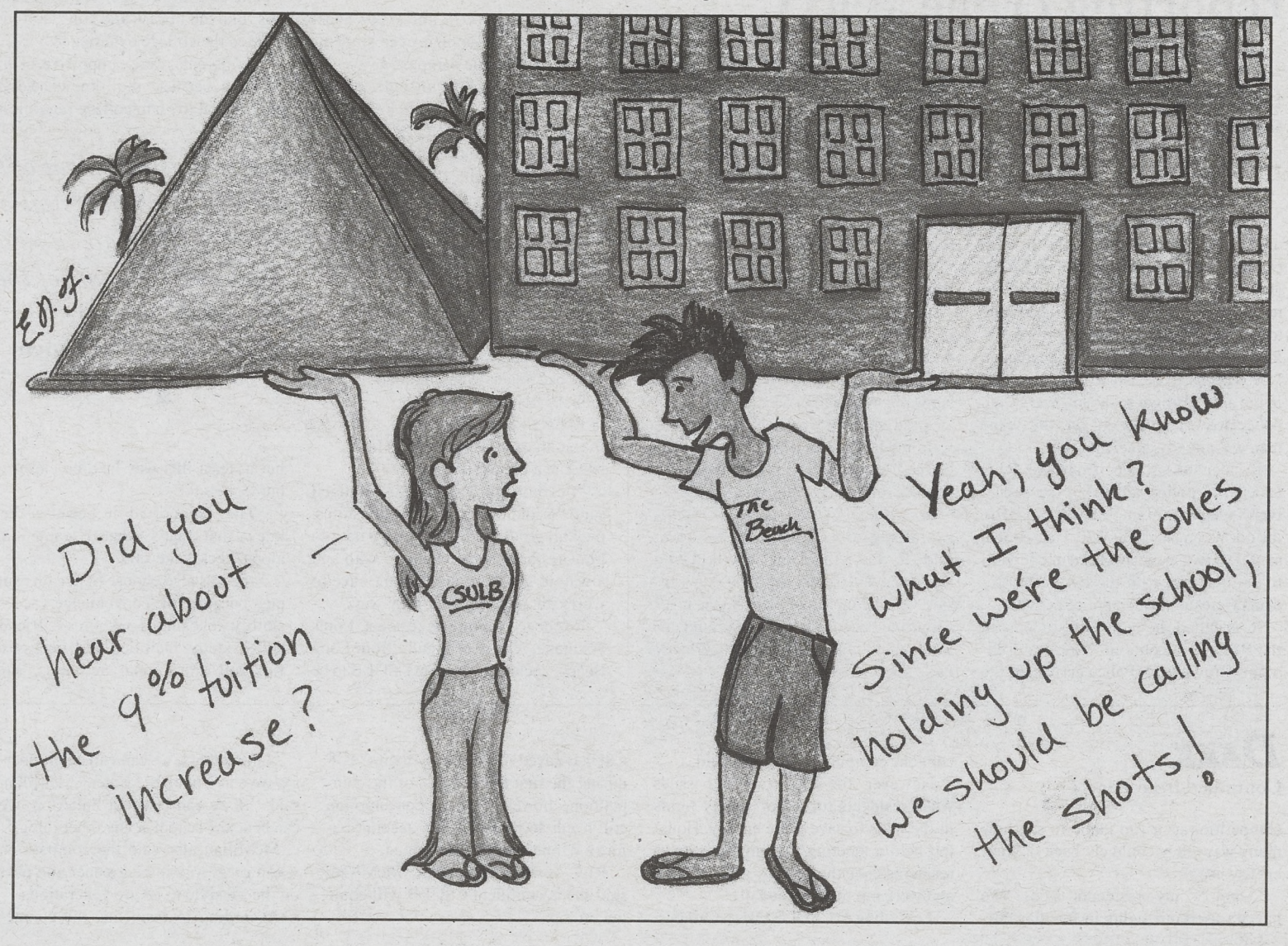


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Students should be granted a bigger say in CSULB matters



Our View

Cal State Long Beach students may face yet another tuition hike next fall semester. On Nov. 16, the CSU Board of Trustees will vote on whether or not to raise student tuition by nine percent, roughly $500. CSULB tuition has increased considerably every academic year for the past few years and each semester, students are left scrambling to find ways to come up with the extra cash to fund their education.

Students already pay too much money for tuition and books. The majority of CSULB students commute to school, so we're shilling out extra cash for gas and parking. CSULB students are putting so much money into the school and not getting much in return. If, semester after semester, we have to keep paying more money to attend, we should get more in return — not less. CSULB students should have more of a voice with how the university spends our money.

The proposed cut comes as the CSU faces decreased monetary support from the state. As the state cuts back, the students have to rise to the occasion to keep our university afloat. But what benefits have we seen in the past few years?

In 2008, student tuition was a little over $3,000 compared to the $5,970 students will pay if the hike is approved. That's almost a 100 percent increase and in return we've received cut courses, crowded classes, and that one weird semester of furlough days.

All of this makes it even harder to get in and get out in four years. So if we're paying more money and staying longer, we should have more opportunities to dictate how our money is spent.

It's hard to determine how to implement this. Having a school-wide agreement on how to spend money will be difficult considering all the different majors, clubs and extracurriculars we have on campus, not to mention the voter apathy that affects people our age. Would the CSU even be up for it?

Convincing the guys in charge that students should have more of a voice in the way the university is run is a completely different challenge in itself, but the fact is that we're coming to a point where we're giving more to the school than they are. We're the majority shareholder, but with none of the power.

Students deserve more of a voice when it comes to delegating the money the school receives. We should decide where we want to put it. Whether it's toward more classes, increased parking facilities (which would be really expensive), or windows that actually open in the LA buildings, we should have the opportunity to decide.

At this point, we're accustomed to increased tuition on a yearly basis. At this point, we'd be foolish not to expect it. We've done all we can to protest and make it known that we disapprove of the state's failure to support education.

It's unfair that we have to keep spending more and receiving less. If the state and the CSU want to keep taking our money, they should at least give us a chance to say what we'd like them to do with it.

Since we're not exactly getting our money's worth anymore, the least they can do is give us the chance to try.

Penn State did the right thing in firing head coach Joe Paterno

Chase Doerr

The whole situation unfolded rather quickly. On Saturday Nov. 5, police detained former Penn State defensive coordinator, Jerry Sandusky, after being charged on 40 counts of sexual abuse over a 15-year period with eight young boys. Four days later, after 409 wins and 46 years of being head coach of the Penn State football team, the great Joe Paterno was fired mid-season from his position.

Back in 2002, then-graduate assistant Mike MaQueary notified Paterno that he'd seen Sandusky abusing a young boy in the Penn State locker room showers. Paterno notified the Athletic Director, Tim Curley, the next day of the incident, but there was no action taken until years later.

While Paterno isn't going to be charged for any wrongdoing, he was fired under the scrutiny of not taking further action when the incident wasn't reported years ago.

After the announcement of Paterno's firing last Wednesday, there was much uproar around the Penn State campus. A sense of grief is understandable by the students, faculty and staff of the school. For one thing, the most respected member of their institution, a figure many probably considered when choosing to apply to Penn State, was swiftly ousted without much time for explanation.

However, things got out of hand when protesting students started being arrested by riot police, holding up insensitive signs about the victims of sex abuse and toppling a broadcast news van.

Penn State already had enough reputation to regain after the sex abuse scandal, but the way the school's students handled their emotional reaction only dug them a deeper hole.

As far as those demanding for a tarnishing of Paterno's career they may get some justice. Along with his firing, Paterno's name was taken off the Big Ten Conference Championship Trophy.

I feel the decision to fire Paterno was the correct one made by Penn State. While one can argue that Paterno was not directly involved in the abuse, by not reporting Sandusky back in 2002, other young boys were made victim to the man. It's sad that such a revered college football figure had to end his career in such a controversial way; however, child abuse should've been enough for Paterno to sound the alarm.

Where I start to disagree is in the complete tarnishing of Paterno's career. While it 's hard to regain reputation after such a graphic scandal, Paterno still had an illustrious career that put him in the upper echelon of college football history.

Paterno was the idol of not only his own athletes, but also athletes throughout the college football system. He suffered the consequences by losing his job, but one lapse in judgment shouldn't take away his past 46 years.

Last Wednesday was a very sad day for football. Hopefully, the way situation was handled will prevent cases like this from happening again.

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Google's new music store is good for business

Silicon Valley's Google, Inc. is set to launch its own music store Wednesday And, with Universal Music Group — the largest record company in the world —in cooperation, it's still questionable whether Google's new music store will turn out to be tough competition for Apple Inc.'s iTunes or other digital music services.

According to the Wall Street Journal, Google and EMI have already sealed a deal, and just last week, UMG purchased all of EMI's recorded music in a $1.9 billion deal.

So, with Universal and Google's alliance, could Google present itself as a threat to iTunes, among other services?

"The [UMG and Google] deal will allow Google to sell digital downloads of Universal's vast catalog of music and offer a licensed cloud service that lets users tap into their music collection from any Web browser," reported the Los Angeles Times.

In other words, through Google's Music Beta Service, users will be able to access songs they purchased digitally through Google on any Internet device.

However, Google's anticipated "cloud" service has raised copyright and financial concern among major record companies, who prefer that Google charge users for such a service. Apple, for example, charges users $25 a year for a similar application.

As of Monday, it was unclear whether record label giants Warner Music Group and Sony Music Entertainment will also comply with Google's proposal.

A few months ago, Apple's iTunes introduced iCloud, a similar concept to that of Google's recently announced one.

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iCloud allows for just about everything to be accessed through any device.

According to the iTunes website, "iCloud automatically and securely stores your content so it's always available to your iPhone, iPad, iPod touch, Mac, or PC. It gives you access to your music, apps, latest photos, and more from whichever device you happen to be using…No syncing required. No management required. In fact, no anything required. iCould does it all for you."

It's obvious that Apple has a few steps ahead of Google, but could Apple plateau while Google advances? That's definitely a possibility. Regardless of whether Google's music store exceeds that of Apple's or other digital music services, it's good that they are launching something along the same lines.

Google's revenue comes mostly from search and video advertising; however, by launching a music store, more money could possibly be brought in, giving Google more means to improve their services.

Everyday, businesses are brainstorming ways to improve and better their services. They think in terms of the future; they are always thinking of ways to improve, advance and succeed. It is only through innovation that U.S. businesses and the U.S. economy will continue to improve and succeed in the future.

Google's music store may have a few flaws here and there, but they deserve some support for introducing their new service. It's the competitors that push us forward, not the quitters.

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Letter to the Editor

ASI President Lucy Nguyen has proven to be a horrible leader considering her conduct in terms of working with students to bring back football. Given the fact Lucy is a Republican I expected her to have a little more courage to work with students to bring change and progress. Lucy Nguyen has proven to simply be the status quo self –serving politician, that she was presumed to be in recall efforts I participated in this past spring.

According to credible sources, Chittick Field is going to house a football stadium that seats over 10,000 people in the near future. Poly High would be the initial tenant, if CSULB brings back football Chittick Field would be an ideal location to play at. The fact of the matter is bringing back football will increase school pride and degree value in the future.

From one Republican to another, I am humbly requesting that the ASI reconsider bringing back football. Veterans Stadium at Long Beach City College is a choice the ASI can look into until the stadium at Chittick Field is constructed. The ASI, administration, and Athletics Department have stated the main reason football should not return is because of lack of venue. From my understanding the ASI is supposed to serve the demands of students. Students have demanded football and the ASI should answer those demands. Ms. Nguyen I hope you can be a strong leader and reconsider the mistake of past ASI administrations. I will give you the benefit of the doubt one more time!

Joe Smith, Bring back 49er football committee

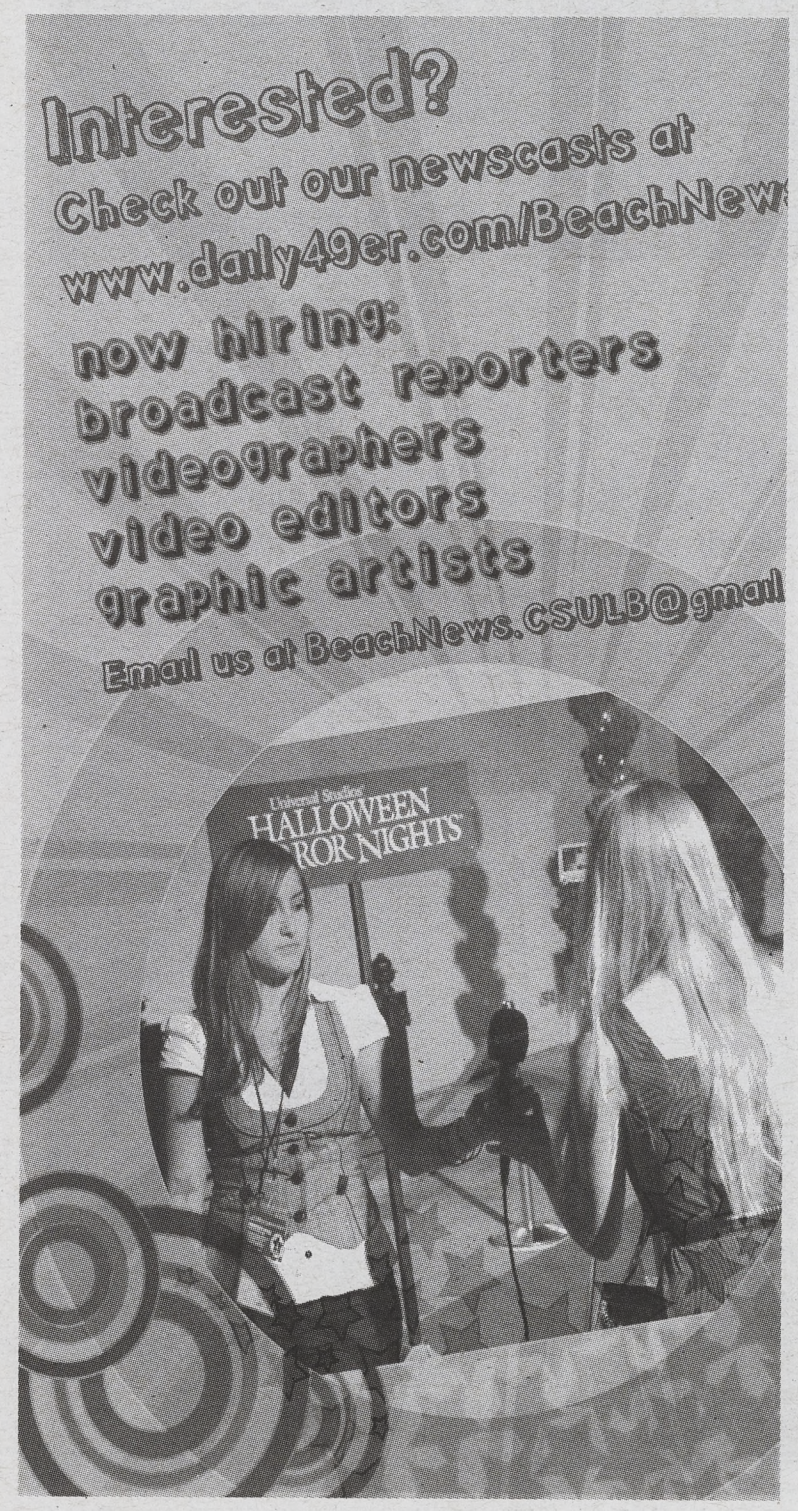
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Artist immerses viewers in scented pathway

Lindsey Pfeiler showcases a bugambilia tunnel in the Merlino gallery this week.

By Leslie Campos
Staff Writer

Threaded pink and purple bugambilia flowers, fabrics and found objects create a colorful, emotional and flower-scented atmosphere in the Merlino student art gallery for Lindsey Pfeiler's installation, "If You Think You're Here, You're Home Now."

"[Bugambilia is] always all over the place," Pfeiler said. "We see them on the ground, we see them everywhere. We don't know where they came from, different bushes and areas."

Pfeiler, a seventh year BFA drawing and painting and Comparative World Literature major, hosts the interactive installation of bugambilia flowers strung together as a representation of memories, the accumulation of those memories and how individual experiences are linked together.

Threads of bugambilia flowers hang from the ceiling like sheer curtains and expel a flowery scent throughout the gallery. The strings are hung on planks of wood that are suspended from the ceiling.

"It really became an experience to do it with family and friends," Pfeiler said. "Each stream of flowers is different. Some are compressed really tight and some are looser."

Among the many threaded bugambilia flowers there are also found objects. Coffee-stained tracing paper creates a shell around a light bulb that dims the light and helps reflect the pink and purple shades of the bugambilia flowers.

Fabric bags filled with paper, wire and other found materials also adorned the installation. The found objects were designed to represent "pockets of information" that our memory keeps after experiencing something, according to Pfeiler.

"The nice scent of the bugambilia petals adds another dimension to the installation," said Anita Enriquez, a second year transfer student in the BFA program. "The shapes seem to compliment the natural structure. It creates an emotional state rather than a physical state."

The installation is shaped like an hour glass to represent how memories and experiences accumulate over time. While walking through the pathway, the viewer touches the bugambilia and has to walk through the designed path while getting in touch with the petals and their scent.

The pathway calls for people to walk through it slowly, to not disturb the petals that look like they could fall off the string if a fly landed on it. It is meant to be experienced at a slow pace and to sit in the gallery while meditating.

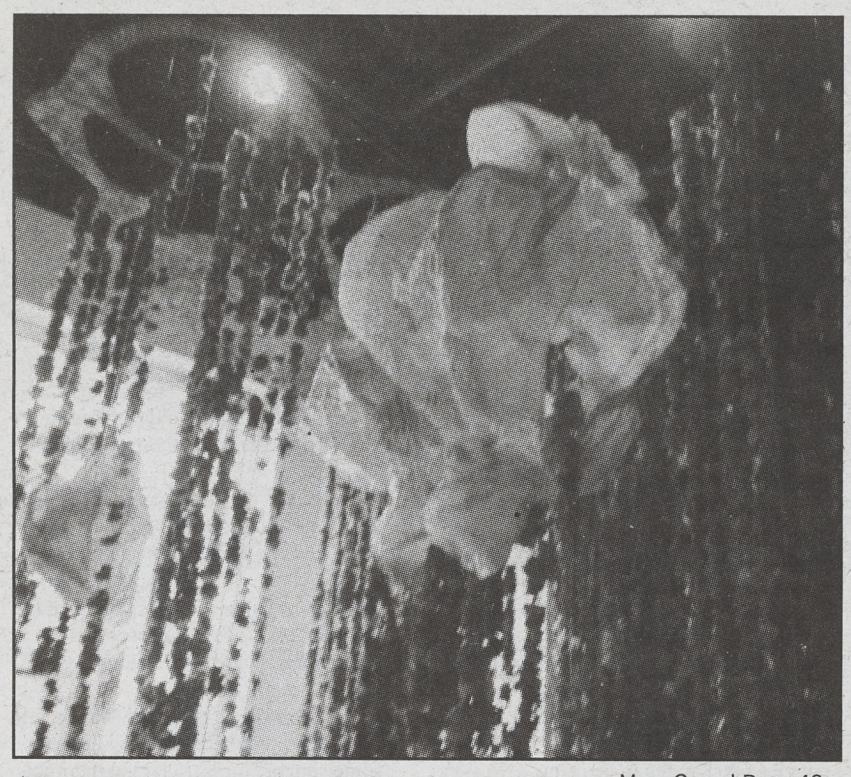
The lighting creates a meditative environment where the brightness of the three bulbs are masked by fabric or paper and dimmed to the perfection. Someone could easily take a nap without the artist or anybody else noticing.

"I like the volumetric structure," said Sarah Moore, second year BFA student. "It feels like a pathway that communicates nature but it is still man-made and human."

Pfeiler began to create her installation in the summer and finished right on the deadline for her exhibit. She said that if it weren't for the deadline, she would have kept creating threads of bugambilia petals forever.

This installation is a different body of work from what Pfeiler normally does but she said it has been a long time coming. She said that the installation is just what she does with paint on canvas.

The weekly student art galleries run Monday through Thursday from noon to 5 p.m. between the FA2 and FA3 buildings.



Matt Grippi | Daily 49er
Lindsey Pfeiler's interactive exhibit is filled with pink and purple flowers.

Campus Calendar

Nov. 16

Student art
The **art department** presents **student art** featuring **BFA sculpture, drawing and painting** from **noon to 5 p.m.** in the **student art galleries** located between buildings **FA2 and FA3**. Admission is **free**.

Noon concert
Pancho Sanchez will perform at the **USU Southwest Terrace** from **noon** to **1 p.m.** Admission is **free.**

Bike class
Rideshare @ the Beach will hold a traffic skills 101 course in **the Pyramid Annex Training Room** from **6 – 8 p.m.**

Woodwind concert
A **woodwind chamber concert** will be held in the **Gerald Daniel Recital Hall** at **8 p.m.** Tickets are **$7** for students and **$10** for general admission.

Dance concert
CSULB Dance presents a **faculty and guest concert** in the **Martha B. Knoebel Dance Theater** at **2 p.m.** and **8 p.m.** Tickets are **$16** for students and **$20** for general admission.

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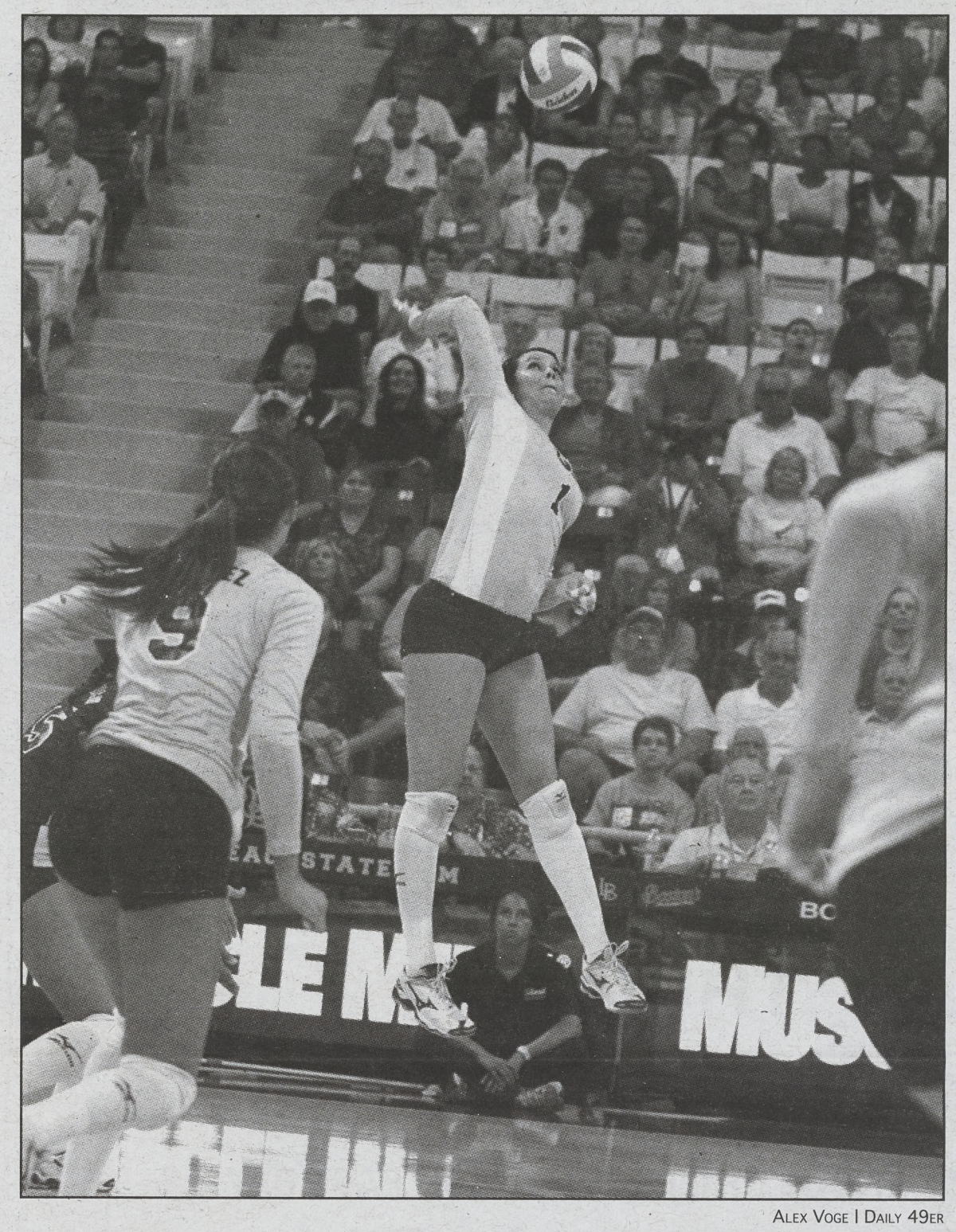
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ALEX VOGE | DAILY 49ER

Senior Caitlin Ledoux, center, who was recently named Big West Conference Player of the Week, will look to extend the LBSU women's volleyball team's winning streak to 12 matches Saturday.

49ers have little control over hosting NCAA Tournament match

Women's volleyball team closes out season with four sub-par opponents.

BY DANIEL VAN HOOSIER
Staff Writer

With only four matches left to play before the NCAA Tournament, the No. 24-ranked Long Beach State women's volleyball team can only continue winning as the NCAA committee will decide whether it will host a first-round match.

The Beach (19-6, 13-2 Big West), which punched its ticket to a 25th consecutive appearance to the 64-team tournament, will wrap up conference play at the Walter Pyramid on Saturday at 7 p.m. against UC Irvine (10-16, 4-10 Big West).

LBSU will then host three non-conference contests to close out the regular season against Loyola Marymount, Central Michigan and New Mexico. Even if LBSU was to finish the season with only wins, its Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) ranking will presumably not be high enough to host an NCAA Tournament match.

The RPI takes into account a team's win-loss record and strength of schedule, including that of its opponents throughout the season.

LBSU, which is ranked No. 41 in the most recent RPI poll, will face four teams — UCI (No. 152), LMU (No. 125), Central Michigan (No. 99) and New Mexico (No. 113) — with significantly lower RPI rankings.

Despite the weakness of LBSU's remaining schedule, 49ers head coach Brian Gimmillaro said the team has to focus only on improving as the 64-team tournament nears.

"You are not going anywhere in the playoffs unless you improve," he said.

Gimmillaro added: "The remaining games become very important. You are either good or you are not good. You do not know what the team you might face in two weeks is doing. You just have to improve."

Senior outside hitter Caitlin Ledoux, who has overcome recent struggles since returning from a shin injury Oct. 8, received Big West Player of the Week honors after pacing the Long Beach attack all weekend.

Prior to last weekend, Ledoux had only registered a hitting percentage above .268 in one of her last eight matches, however, she tallied 12 kills and 11 digs on .346 hitting in the conference title-clinching victory at the University of the Pacific. The co-captain followed that up with another dominant performance — 20 kills on a .302 clip and a season-high 16 digs at Davis on Saturday.

Meanwhile, the 49ers' biggest obstacle on Saturday will be to contain Irvine's junior libero Kristin Winkler, who has anchored the Anteaters backcourt and is second in the Big West with 516 digs. The Beach will also look to stop sophomore outside hitter Aly Squires, who leads the squad with 334 kills (seventh in the Big West) on .154 hitting.

The Anteaters, who are coming off a pair of four-set losses to UC Riverside and Cal State Northridge, will be looking to snap the 49ers' 11-match winning streak — the longest the program has had since 2007 with 13.

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